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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Sen. Roger Wicker, make the following
(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

Travel date(s): March 15-18, 2019

Destination(s): San Diego, California

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Gayle Wicker

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$650	\$510	\$208	\$550 meeting room expenses

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$650	\$0	\$208	\$550 meeting room expenses

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached agenda

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

(Date)

(Revised 1/3/11)

(Signature of Senator/Officer)

Form RE-3



THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

Dan Glickman

Executive Director

Congressional Program

December 3, 2018

The Honorable Roger Wicker
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Roger:

I would like to invite you and Gayle to participate in a congressional conference on ***Competing with a Rising China: Policies for America's Interest***, March 15-18, 2019, in **San Diego, California**. We have limited space and must hear from you proactively as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

Relations between the U.S. and China have shifted markedly in an adversarial direction. The U.S. has initiated tariffs on Chinese trade. Our National Security Strategy states that we are in a new era of "great power competition" with China. Vice President Pence recently accused China of interfering in our domestic politics. China has continued its assertive outreach with its Belt and Road Initiative which further extends China's realm of influence positioning it as a global competitor to U.S. interests. These concerns and more will frame our weekend seminar of discussions.

We are assembling a mix of prominent American scholars, representing a range of views, to assist our discussions. Attendance is by invitation only, with no outside observers, lobbyists, or congressional staff. Funding is provided solely by grants from foundations—no government, individual, corporate or special interest funds are accepted.

Under guidelines established by the Senate Select Ethics Committee, we will provide you with a signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form affirming that no lobbyists fund this activity, that the Aspen Institute does hire or retain lobbyists, and that no lobbyists will be present. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

This program is designed for Members of both the Senate and the House. Please note that because the House has adopted rules that preclude registered lobbyists from attending our events, if your accompanying spouse or family member is a registered lobbyist, the rules would bar their participation.

Departure will be on Friday, March 15th and we will return on Monday, March 18th. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the conference.



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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 202-736-5825.

We hope you will join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

Dan

Dan Glickman
Executive Director
Aspen Institute Congressional Program

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COMPETING WITH A RISING CHINA: POLICIES FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS

THE ASPEN INSTITUTE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM

March 15-18, 2019 San Diego, California

(Agenda overview as of 11/30/2018)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

Pre-Dinner Speaker

U.S.-CHINA GLOBAL COMPETITORS: PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

*Peter Cowhey, Chair, School of Global Policy
and Strategy, UC San Diego (invited)*

Potential Pre-Dinner Speaker

THE QUEST FOR FAIR TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA

*Gordon Hanson, Director, Center on Global
Transformation, UC San Diego (invited)*

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

Morning Roundtable Discussions

AN OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL RIVALRY

*Orville Schell, Director, Center on U.S.-
China Relations, The Asia Society, New York
(confirmed)*

FROM ENGAGEMENT TO ADVERSITY: BILATERAL TRADE & INVESTMENT AND CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE

*Daniel Rosen, Founding Partner, Rhodium
Group, New York (confirmed)*

Early Afternoon Roundtable Discussion

EMERGING THEATERS OF COMPETITION

*Dean Cheng, Senior Research Fellow, Asia
Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation
(confirmed)*

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

Morning Roundtable Discussions

CHINESE INFLUENCE IN THE U.S.

*Elizabeth Economy, Director for Asia,
Council on Foreign Relations, New York
(confirmed)*

STANDOFF OR STATUS QUO IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC?

*Bonnie Glaser, Director, China Power
Project, Center for Strategic & International
Studies (confirmed)*

Early Afternoon Roundtable Discussion

TOWARD AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY: POLICY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S.

*Robert Daly, Director, Kissinger Institute
Wilson Center, Washington (confirmed)*

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

Participants depart early in the morning

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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

-OR-

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

-OR-

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP) is the sole sponsor of this conference and developed the agenda, organized the travel, planned the conference, and invited the participants.

See attached appendix.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP) is a non-profit organization, and its broad mission is conducting nonpartisan forums and the exchange of ideas on issues impacting the U.S. and the world. AICP's conference on China intends to examine US policy toward China and how it might evolve in the coming decades. See attached appendix.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

The Aspen Institute Congressional Program has conducted international and domestic conferences for members of Congress for over 35 years. On occasion, other policy programs of The Aspen Institute, Inc., sponsor trips that involve members of Congress.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

In addition to the conferences, AICP annually offers 25 breakfasts for members of Congress,

5 lunches for congressional staff members - each event offering a leading scholar on a key domestic or international issue.

One congressional staff conference per year is offered on a key foreign or domestic issue.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	Total: \$1300 \$650 for the senator	Total: \$510 \$510 for the senator	Total: \$416 \$208 for the senator	Total: \$1100 \$550 for meeting room expenses for the senator
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$650 for the senator's spouse	\$0 for the senator's spouse	\$208 for the senator's spouse	\$550 meeting room expenses for the senator's spouse

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This event is arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

San Diego enables scholars from the University of California-San Diego's 21st Century China Center

School of Global Policy & Strategy to participate in the conference.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Koni Kai Hotel, San Diego, CA

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel offers conferences services required including technology and meeting space. Facility security was a key factor including private meeting and dining space.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Lodging and meals are under published per diem.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

One-way coach class flight on a commercial airline carrier and coach ground
(taxi/Uber/Lyft) from/to San Diego airport

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

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Name of Organization: The Aspen Institute Congressional Program

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COMPETING WITH A RISING CHINA: POLICIES FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS

THE ASPEN INSTITUTE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM

March 15-18, 2019
San Diego, California

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Participants arrive mid afternoon

Sen. Roger Wicker and his wife, Gayle Wicker, depart Washington, DC at 12:35 pm on United flight # 231 and arrive in San Diego at 3:01 pm.

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Pre-Dinner Speaker

U.S.-CHINA GLOBAL COMPETITORS: PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

China's rise to a major economic and strategic player on the global stage over the last three decades has been a phenomenal story that now positions it as a major competitor to the U.S. The prospects for the future direction of this dynamic relationship is the foundation for the weekend's discussions.

***Peter Cowhey**, Dean, School of Global Policy and Strategy,
University of California at San Diego*

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Working Dinner

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussion will focus on the opportunities, challenges, and potential solutions regarding the economic dimensions of U.S.-China relations.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast is Available

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

INTRODUCTION AND FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE

This conference is organized into roundtable conversations and pre-dinner remarks. This segment will highlight how the conference will be conducted, how those with questions will be recognized, and how responses will be timed to allow for as many questions and answers as possible. This format is important to enable full participation.

***Dan Glickman**, Executive Director,
Aspen Institute Congressional Program*

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Beijing and Washington agree that innovation is now the key to economic, military, and soft power. A key feature of their competition is the race to master and marketize emergent technologies, and Artificial Intelligence in particular, which has the capacity to accelerate and integrate other innovations. If one side gains a clear advantage in AI, the other may never catch up.

- Is China still an imitative nation, or has it developed the ability to innovate at the American scale?
- Is the American regulatory environment a spur to AI innovation, or a drag on the growth of this emerging industry?
- Which nation will likely prevail in the AI competition, and what are the global implications of dominance?

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Individual Discussions

Members of Congress and scholars meet individually to discuss U.S. policy toward China. Scholars available to meet for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in previous sessions that day include Robert Daly, Daniel Rosen, and Dean Cheng.

THE QUEST FOR FAIR TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA

The terms of trade between the U.S. and China is a central factor impacting the relationship between these two superpowers. Professor Hanson will discuss costs and gains from expanded trade with China, which he first articulated in his piece, *The China Shock*.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

A CHINESE PERSPECTIVE ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

China sees its exponential development over the last few decades as a restoration of its destiny as a major power. China's relationship with the U.S. has been a significant factor in its dramatic growth. What is China's perspective on the U.S.-China relationship?

Yun Sun, Director, China Program, The Stimson Center

